

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2194 - SB 2348

February 15, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to allocate a portion of the funds generated by the barrel tax on beer and tax on bottled soft drinks, as grants, to be used for roadway, waterway, and shoreline litter reduction initiatives, in addition to other such litter reduction initiatives.

Authorizes TDOT to provide said grants for programs established for the prevention and collection of litter and trash and related items conducted by nonprofit groups and local governments, and for the purpose of providing technical and policy assistance and enforcement of litter laws by state and local law enforcement agencies and the courts, and furthermore, for the purpose of providing educational, marketing, and service-oriented events and efforts.

Prohibits TDOT from basing the amount of any such allocation to a municipality on the Department's litter grant program for county governments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – There may be a shift in grant funds from local governments to non-profit organizations; however, the timing and extent of any shift cannot reasonably be determined.

Assumptions:

- This legislation adds to the areas for which grants may be awarded for litter reduction.
- This legislation will not increase the amount of total funding available for such litter reduction purposes; therefore, no significant impact to state expenditures.
- The total amount of funding currently provided to local governments could be affected if nonprofit groups receive a greater share of such allocation for similar purposes; however, how such grant funding is eventually allocated to separate governments and nonprofit entities cannot be determined with any reasonable certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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